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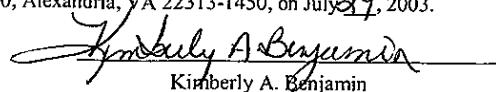
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Roger O. WILLIAMS et al.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
CONTROLLING THE FREE SURFACE
OF LIQUID IN A WELL PLATE

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report mailed on July 1, 2003 (copy attached) directed to a counterpart international application and were not previously submitted.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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	1.	12/29/1981	4,308,547	Lovelady et al.			
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	3.	02/21/1989	4,806,032	Gragg et al.			
	4.	02/22/1994	5,289,212	Carlotta			
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